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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 3932

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UN, RQ

SUBJECT: FACIO'S UNGA SPEECH AND PUERTO RICO

REF: (A) STATE 218014

(B) USUN 4165

1. EMBASSY DOES HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT FURTHER ENCOURAGING FACIO TO SPEAK ABOUT PUERTO RICO IN HIS UNGA ADDRESS. ALTHOUGH SAN JOSE 3804 DID NOT DEVELOP THE POINT, FACIO MUSED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER FOR HIM TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN THIS REGARD AT UNGA THAN TO WAIT FOR ATTACKS ON PUERTO RICO ISSUE FROM OTHERS THAT HE WOULD CERTAINLY WANT TO REFUTE. AMBASSADOR TODMAN ENCOURAGED HIM TO DO SO.

2. FACIO WAS VERY PLEASED WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGER'S MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION ON HIS RECENT, ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THIS ISSUE.

3. EMBASSY IS THEREFORE CONFIDENT THAT FACIO HAS THIS MATTER VERY MUCH IN MIND. HE HAS ALREADY DONE US GREAT SERVICE PUBLICLY ON THIS MATTER, AND WE TEND TO BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE MORE DECOROUS FOR US -- AND MORE CONSISTENT WITH OUR RECOGNITION THAT COSTA RICA IS OF GREATEST HELP TO US WHEN IT TAKES POSITIONS CONSISTENT WITH OURS IN INTERNATIONAL FORA ENTIRELY CONFIDENTIAL

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ON ITS OWN -- NOT TO PROD HIM FURTHER ON THIS ONE.

4. IF DEPARTMENT AND USUN CONCLUDE NEVERTHELESS THAT ANOTHER APPROACH TO FACIO ON THIS MATTER IS NECESSARY, WE SUGGEST THAT IT WOULD COME BETTER FROM SENIOR USUN OFFICER IN CONTEXT OF UNGA TACTICAL SITUATION AFTER FACIO ARRIVES IN NEW YORK (NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 20 OR 21).

5. ALTHOUGH REFTTEL (A) NOT YET RECEIVED WHEN AMBASSADOR TODMAN DEPARTED, ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS REFLECT HIS JUDGMENT IN LIGHT OF REFTTEL (B).
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